

MAYOR & COUNCIL AGENDA COVER SHEET

MEETING DATE:

March 19, 2007

CALL TO PODIUM:

Louise Kauffmann,
Director of Community
Development

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Louise Kauffmann

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

	Presentation
	Proclamation/Certificate
	Appointment
x	Public Hearing
	Historic District
	Consent Item
	Ordinance
	Resolution
	Policy Discussion
	Work Session Discussion Item
	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised Gaithersburg Gazette	2/28/07
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Hearing to Solicit Public Service Proposals for the Expenditure of FY08 Community Development Block Grant Funds

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

In its fifth year as a direct entitlement community, Gaithersburg will receive \$462,187 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG funds support national objectives that include providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities, principally for low- to moderate-income persons. Twenty percent (\$93,088) of the City's FY07 CDBG award may be used for administration and planning, and up to 15 percent (\$69,816) for public service projects. The balance will be used for eligible capital projects.

CDBG regulations require that the City hold at least two public hearings each year and submit an annual Action Plan to HUD identifying how funds will be spent. The City held two public meetings at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, the first on Thursday, February 1, 2007, and the second on Thursday, February 8, 2007.

At tonight's hearing the public is invited to present proposals for public service projects to be funded through CDBG.

The City is evaluating applications for CDBG public service grants and preparing its Action Plan, which will be submitted to HUD by May 15, 2007, following a 30-day review and comment period.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Hear testimony of potential applicants for FY08 CDBG public service funds and announce to the public that the record will close on Friday, April 13, 2007, at 5:00 PM.